The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, January 1, 1730.

From the Evening Post, Decem. 25.

London, December 20, 1729.

SIR,

IN Order to satisfy your Request in your last, wherein you desired me to inform you, whether the Tradesmen here went on with their Design to Petition the Parliament against that growing Evil, as you very properly call it, the Hawkers, Pedlars, and clandestine Traders, I can now, Sir, assure you we are in good earnest, as we hear most Cities, Towns and Corporations all over England, are equally sufferers with us by these People, we don't question of their petitioning for their respective Places; that there is not above two thousand two hundred and odd Licences granted, is easy to prove, and that the Number of Persons, only in London and parts adjacent, that Trade under the Cloak of such a Liberty, is above twenty thousand, Vending and Encouraging the running of all Prohibited Goods, as India, French Silks, and most Goods that have defrauded the King of his Customs, which very Article is a great deal more considerable than two thousand two hundred Licences, at four Pounds each; of which trivial Sum, not above seven thousand Pounds a Year clear, accrues to the Government; and when the Parliament will take into their serious Consideration, that the Loss upon the Window and Land Tax, occasioned by the many empty Houses to be seen all over the Bills of Mortality, and many Parts of England, which pay nothing for want of a Tenant, who is discouraged from taking Houses, whilst half the Goods consumed and worn in England, are disposed of, underhand by clandestine Traders, who pay no Taxes to the Government, are not liable to maintain the Poor of their respective Parishes, nor serve any Parochial Office, being for the greatest part Persons skulking up and down, and Inmates, as I say Sir; the Government in suppressing them, will soon find every Branch of the above Revenue increasing every Day, running of Goods discouraged; Gentlemen who have empty Houses upon their Hands, filled up by Tenants, who by the Encouragement of fair Trading will be glad to take Shops and help to maintain the Poor of their Parishes, and pay all Taxes for the Support of the Government. I shall, Sir, I hope, soon congratulate you, and all my fellow Sufferers of our happy Success. I am Sir in the mean time,

Your very humble Servant,

FAIR TRADER.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Decem. 27.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France, one from Holland, and two from Flanders.

TOuching Colonel Chartris, whom we mentioned in one of our former, to have set out hence for Brussels, arrived there as the Letters from thence advise, on Sunday the 25th Instant N. S. in a Post-Berlin, making a great Noise in the Streets. They say that his Business there is to confer with Mr. Lenieres the Tapestry Merchant, though he is reckoned a very honest Man. They add, that the Colonel went to visit a certain English Lord, who has resided there many; but was refused Admittance; and that at Ostend he rode about the Streets in a very strange Manner, with a great Mob about him, and did the like on the great Market-place there.

Yesterday Mr. George Champion, lately one of the Common Council Men, was chosen Alderman of Bridge-ward within, in Room of Thomas Preston Esq; deceast: Sir Joseph Eyles declined standing.

'Tis said Stephen Pointz Esq; is appointed Ambassador extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Court of France, in Room of his Excellency Horatio Walpole Esq;, who on Thursday last arrived from Paris at his House in Dover-street, St. James's; and Yesterday he waited on their Majesties, and was very graciously received. The same Day the South Sea Company received from the Court of Spain a Schedula for their annual Ship bound to Buyenos Ayres with their Factors; as also, Orders from his Cathock Majesty to the Governor of that

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Place, and the other Parts of New-Spain, to admit their Factors on the ſame Foot they were before the late Rupture; and to make full Reſtitution of all the Seizures they had made of the Company's Effects.

As to the Emperor's Anſwer to the Invitations made him to accede to the Treaty concluded with Spain, the Letters from Vienna by the Holland Mail give no Account thereof, any otherwiſe, than that it is the general Opinion, that his Imperial Majeſty will conſent, for the ſake of Peace, to the ſending of the Infant Don Carlos into Italy, on certain Conditions, of which they ſhould ſoon be more fully informed.

There is an Account by private Letters, that the 2 Dutch Ships, which the Algerines, as mentioned in the publick Prints to day, releaſed, were ſo much plundred, that they conld not proceed homeward any further than Gibraltar, before they recruited: And they were under great Apprehenſions that the Populacy, threatning to murder the Dey for the Releaſe of the ſaid Ships, would deter him from doing the like to the other two, that was taken a few Days before.

A Petition to the Parliament is ſigned by ſeveral thouſand Tradeſmen of this City, and others are expected from the moſt conſiderable Corporations in the Kingdom, for ſuppreſſing Hawkers and clandeſtine Traders.

We hear that one Mr. Mitchel, formerly a Merchant, but for ſome Years paſt lived in great Obſcurity and penuriouſneſs, died this Week; and there was found in his Houſe Effects to the Value of L. 100,000.

Thoſe concerned in preparing the Cargo for the S. Sea Company's annual Ship, have Orders to haſten the ſame with the utmoſt Diligence. 'Tis obſervable, that thoſe who were againſt renewing the Trade, are now much for it.

The Stock and Annuities are 105 and a half each.

From the Weekly Medley, Dec. 27.

In all Probability a War will ſoon break out in Italy; nor does there ſeem any Probability of an Accommodation, ſince, to effect it, the Queen of Spain muſt give up her darling Project of enthroning her Son Don Carlos in Lombardy. We are poſitively aſſured, that his Imperial Majeſty, in order to ſecure himſelf from any Invaſion in thoſe Parts, is to have next Spring an Army of *Sixty Thouſand Men* in Italy, which are to be commanded by the great Hero Prince Eugene. But as there is Reaſon to fear a great Diverſion on the Part of the Grand Signor, the Troops in Hungary are daily augmenting. The Armies on the Upper Rhine and in the Low Countries are alſo increaſing; inſomuch that the Peace of Europe is like to be diſturbed by the *Quadruple Truce*, or *Pacification*, or ·····, late concluded, in ſtead of being ſettled to the Satisfaction of ALL Parties.

From the Weekly Journal, Decem. 27.

We were in hopes that we ſhould have been able to oblige our Readers with the Articles of Peace this Week, having received Intelligence that they were printed Abroad; but we have not yet received them. Whether this hath been owing to *contrary Winds*, or to any Orders for *ſeizing* them, we cannot determine.

Our Foreign Advices this Week bring us little worth inſerting: They ſay the Emperor is every where augmenting his Troops, repairing and mending the Fortifications of Towns; and that a German Lady of Quality has broke her Leg.

London, Decem. 27. We hear that Mr. Horace Walpole is arrived from France. This great Man has conſtantly attended for ſome Years paſt his Duty in Parliament, where he is of ſo much Importance; and when that was over, returned to his Embaſſy again. Some think that our Affairs there may want him while he is here; but then, our Affairs here would want him as much if he were to continue there. It is our Misfortune, that let a Man's Capacity be never ſo great, he cannot be in two Places at once.

From the Daily Poſt-Boy, Dec. 27.

Vienna, Dec. 21. As the Allies of Hanover, after having adjuſted their Differences with Spain, are uſing all Endeavours ſo to diſpoſe Matters, as that the reſt of the Affairs of Europe may be amicably adjuſted in the Congreſs of Soiſſons, we hear the High Chancellor Count Zinzendorf will ſoon depart thither. They write from Italy, That the Great Duke of Tuſcany offers to maintain 10,000 (ſome ſay 20000) Men at his own Charge, to hinder any Deſcent from Spain; and we hear the K. of Sardinia begins to be extremely uneaſy 'bout that Affair, and makes different Propoſals to this Court about it.

Coblentz, Decem. 26. The French carry on the additional Works to the Fortifications of Metz with

with all Expedition.

Cologn, Dec. 27. The Chevalier de la Merveille, who is to do Wonders for the Oſtend Company, is gone from Bruſſels for Vienna.

Rome, Dec. 10. We have received certain Advice from Spain, that Signor Bichi had taken his Leave of his Catholic Majeſty, with a heavy Heart, and is on his way hither.

Dunkirk, Dec. 24. The Ship of Captain Charles Notebar, which ſailed hence laſt Week to the Weſtward, ſtruck in going out, upon a Bank of the old Harbour; but got off again. The Ship, called the Pinace of Dunkirk, ſailed hence two Days ago for St. Domingo, and the S. Maria and the Thetis ly ready to ſail hence for that Iſland. Moreover here are ſeveral Merchant Ships ready to ſail for Cadix and other Parts. We have Advice that our Ship, the Sea-horſe, which ſailed hence for the Weſt-Indies, is got into the Downs. Yeſterday ſailed hence for France, the St. Peter and St. John.

London, Dec, 27. His Grace the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon is indiſpoſed at his Lodgings in St. James's Street.

The R. Honourable, the Earl of Portmore, is recovered of his late Indiſpoſition.

Some of the News-papers having taken notice, that thoſe that call themſelves for their Country, have *prevailed* at one of the Elections of Common Council Men of this City: It would be very kindly taken by ſome of their fellow Citizens, if thoſe Gentlemen would alſo publiſh *by what Methods* they ſo prevailed. We are aſſured from a certain Ward, not far from Langbourn-ward, that a certain Clerk to a certain Committee belonging to a certain Company, ſetting up for a Common Council Man there, ſeveral Letters were written to the Voters, to this Effect, viz.

S I R,

The Committee of Buyers deſire your Vote And Intereſt for the incloſed Liſt. &c.

Your humble Servants.

&c. &c. &c. &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

And accordingly the ſaid Clerk had the Majority on the Poll; which muſt needs be to the great Joy of all thoſe, who *only boaſt* that they have the *Liberty* and *Freedom* of the City at Heart.

From the Evening Poſt, Dec. 27.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22. The Mediators at the Congreſs of Brunſwick find new Difficulties ſtarted every Day in the Courſe of their Negociations, and 'tis believed they will break up, and ſuſpend their Conferences till next Spring.

Moſcow, Dec. 8. On the 29th paſt in the Evening, the Prince went into the Apartment of Prince Alexis Gregorewitz Dolgorucki, his Governor, who then kept his Chamber upon Account of a ſlight Indiſpoſition; and ſitting down on his Bed-ſide, told the Prince, 'That he had a Demand to make of 'him, and deſired he would not refuſe him: That 'he had an Inclination for the Princeſs Katharine, 'his eldeſt Daughter; and that he demanded her 'in Marriage.' Prince Dolgorucki threw himſelf at the Czar's Feet, and thanked him for the unexpected Favour he had done him and his Family; after which he conducted him to the Princeſs's Apartment. and told her the Demand his Czarian Majeſty had made to him. The Princeſs was ſo ſurpriſed at this unexpected News, that ſhe ſeemed to be in ſome Confuſion; but aſſoon as ſhe had a little recovered herſelf, ſhe thanked the Czar in the handſomeſt Manner, for the Choice he had been pleaſed to make of her Perſon. Whereupon the young Monarch, among other Things, told her, 'That what had moſt of all endeared her to him, 'was her good Nature and her Modeſty.'

The ſame Day his Imperial Majeſty charged Baron Oſterman to give Advice of this News to the Princeſs his Grandmother, who received it very graciouſly.

The 30th at Noon all the Members of the grand Council being ſummoned to Court, alſo the Velt-Marſhall Dolgorucki and M. Jagouchinski, Baron Oſterman acquainted by th'Emperor's Orders, with the Emperor's Reſolution. They had then the Honour to kiſs the Princeſs's Hand, and to wiſh her Joy. The Velt Marſhal Dolgorucki, who is regarded as Head of the Family of Dolgorucki, on this Occaſion made a very pathetick Speech, and ſaid among other Things: "Yeſterday you was my "Niece, this Day you are going to be Sovereign: "You ſee by this how Human Affairs can change, "from one Night to next Day. Let not the Splendor of this new Dignity which you are going to "be inveſted with dazzle you, and cauſe you to "loſe that noble Modeſty by which you have been "exalted. Our Family is ſufficiently provided with "the Goods of Fortune, that it has need of No-"thing; therefore forget that you were of it, and "endeavour to employ the Power you may have, "only to do good to thoſe who ſhall deſerve it moſt,

"with

'without having Regard to the Name which they 'bear.'

Lisbon, Dec. 16. Here goes a Report, That a Maltese Man of War of 30 Guns had taken an Algerine Corsair of the same Force off of Vigo; and that another Corsair of Algiers was chasing off the Mouth of the Streights.

London, Dec. 27. The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Stair is on the Road from Scotland for London.

Edinburgh, January 1. 1730. Yesterday Daniel Campbell of Schawfield, Esq; was fined by the Honourable the Lyon King at Arms, in 100 L. Scots, and had his Chariot confiscate, for assuming a Coat of Arms he had no Title to.

This Week a Merchant of this City was robb'd by two Rogues, betwixt Leith and Edinburgh, of what Money he had about him.

To Morrow the Honourable Society of HUNTERS have a grand Ball at the Abbay of Holy-Rood-House, after which there will be a most elegant Entertainment serv'd up.

This Day (being the 24th of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith at 8 o' Clock, 42 Min. To-morrow, at 9, 30 Min. On Saturday, at 10, 18 Min.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶¶ Whereas, in consequence of former Advertisements, very few of the Creditors of the deceast JAMES BROWNHILL Wright, have given in their Interests to their Trustees, to constitute the same against the Heirs of the Defunct, in order to an Adjudication; and whereas all the Creditors by open Accompt, which are assign'd to the Trustees, tho' many of them have proven their Debts, yet have not furnished the Trustees with Decreets of Cognition; and the Trustees having raised a general Charge against the Heirs, whereof the Days are run, as also a Summonds of Constitution: They therefore hereby intimate to the whole Creditors of the Defunct, particularly those who were Creditors by open Accompt, to give in to WILLIAM ELLIOT Writer in Edinburgh, and one of the Trustees, their respective Grounds of Debt, due by the Defunct to them by Bond, Bill, Decreet of Cognition, &c. on or before the Fifteenth current; with Certification, That those who shall neglect to give in their Interests, the Trustees will go on without Regard to them, whereby they will lose the Benefit of foresaid Diligence.

¶¶ That a Subscription PLATE 30. l. sterl. Value, is to be run for upon the Sands of Leith, upon Monday the 26th of January next, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding that was in North Britain the 29th of November last: All Horses that have run for Royal Plates are to carry Ten Stone Nine Pounds English, except Galloways, which are to carry Ten Stone Seven Pounds. Other Horses are to carry Ten Stone, and Weight to be allowed for Inches to Horses under 14 Hands. The other Articles are to be seen at Mr. Morgan's in Leith, where the Horses that start, must be entred Four Days before running.

N. B. No Horse whatsoever will be allowed to start but Subscribers Horses, except they pay one Guinea extraordinary to Mr. Morgan at Booking.

¶¶ A Collection of curious and valuable BOOKS, being the Library of the late Lord Colville, will begin to be Sold, by way of Auction, on Monday the 12th Day of January 1730, at Mr. DRUMMOND's Auction-house in the West part of the Royal Exchange, Edinburgh. Catalogues are to be had at the Place of Sale.

¶¶ These are to advertise, That the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Edinburgh FRIENDLY INSURANCE against Losses by Fire, is to be held on Monday the 12th of January Inst. in Mary's Chappel in Niddry's Wynd, Edinburgh, at three a Clock Afternoon.

¶¶ That the TENEMENTS of LAND after mentioned, lying within the City of Edinburgh, which belonged to the deceast *ROBERT STARK* Writer in Edinburgh, *viz.* A Tenement of Land in the Close called *The Back of Bess Wynd*, consisting of four Storeys, with Closets, Cellars and Garrets, being of yearly Rent about *L.* 24 02 08 sterl. and that other Tenement of Land in *Preston's Close*, commonly called *Stewart's Close*, on the North Side of the Street, near the Cross, consisting of five Storeys, and a Top or Garret-storey, with Closets and Cellars belonging thereto, paying *L.* 34 15 sh. sterl. of yearly Rent: ARE to be exposed to voluntary Roup and Sale, by the Relict of the said deceast Robert Stark, as having Right thereto from her Husband; each of the said Tenements by themselves either in haill or in different Storeys, as Purchasers shall desire, upon the Eighth Day of January Inst. at Three of the clock after Noon, within the House of Mris. *Nicholson* Vintner in Edinburgh. The particular Rental, Progress and Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of *ADAM MERCER* Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in the Head of Libertton's Wynd.

¶¶ The Creditors of GEORGE HOME of WHITFIELD, are hereby advertised to meet at the Laigh Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, upon Tuesday the sixth of January Inst. at Three of the Clock after Noon. Such as cannot attend in Person, are intreated to send their Doers fully instructed to agree to such Measures as shall be proposed for the due Management of the Estate.

¶¶ That by Order of the Trustees for the Creditors of WILLIAM DOUGLAS younger of GLENBERVY, the Roup and Sale of the Lands and Barony of FOODY and FINGASK, is Prorogate to Tuesday the 27th of January Inst. in the House of Mris. Thom Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 5 in the Afternoon. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of *William Forbes* Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber in the Parliament Close.

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